

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the "TITLE" at page 1, line 1 as follows:

IMPROVED CLEANING IMPLEMENT FOR CLEANING A SURFACE

Please replace the "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" beginning page 1, line 8 and ending page 1, line 18, as follows.

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/723,026, filed November 27, 2000, which is a Continuation-in-part of International Application Serial No. PCT/US99/26579 filed November 9, 1999 (~~P&G case 7368+~~) by Policicchio et al. which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial number 60/162935 filed November 2, 1999 by Policicchio et al and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/110476 filed December 1, 1998 by Policicchio et al. This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/184780 filed February 24, 2000 to Willman et al (P&G case 7973P). All the foregoing patent applications are hereby incorporated by reference: U.S. Application Serial No. 09/188,604 filed November 9, 1998 by Nagel et al. (~~P&G Case 7337~~, now US 6,206,058; U.S. Application Serial No. 09/201,618 filed November 30, 1998 by Benecke (~~P&G Case 7361~~, now US 6,142,750; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/156,286 filed September 27, 1999 by Sherry et al. (~~P&G Case 7803P~~). --

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Please replace the paragraph beginning page 11, line 21 and ending page 12, line 15, as follows:

-- Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, a floor mop 20 made in accordance with the present invention is illustrated. The floor mop 20 comprises a mop head 22 having a leading edge 24 and a trailing edge 26. As used herein, the term "leading edge" is intended to refer to the furthest edge of the mop head 22 which leads the mop head 22 when it is moved in a forward direction away from its user. Likewise, the term "trailing edge" is intended to refer to the furthest edge of the mop head 22 which trails the mop head 22 when it is moved in a forward

direction away from its user. For most floor mops, the leading edge 24 and the trailing edge 26 are substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis 28 of the mop head 22, as shown in Fig. 1, wherein the longitudinal axis 28 is the axis along the length of the mop head 22. A pivotable joint, such as the universal joint 30, interconnects the handle 32 of the mop 20 with the mop head 22. The universal joint 30 comprises two rotational axes which allow the handle 32 to pivot in directions 36 and 38. The handle 32 is threadably interconnected with the universal joint 30 at the connection 40. The handle 32 can be provided as a unitary structure or can comprise three sections ~~34, 36, and 38~~ 132, 232, and 332 which are threadedly interconnected with each other so that the floor mop 20 can be shipped within a carton of convenient size and later assembled for use. The handle section 38 can be provided with an elastic and resilient portion suitable for gripping by a user of the floor mop 20. The mop head 22 also comprises a plurality of attachment structures 42. The attachment structures 42 are configured to receive and retain a cleaning sheet or pad 44 about the mop head 22, as shown in Fig. 2, during use. The attachment structures 42 are preferably disposed at the corners of the mop head 22, although these locations can be varied depending upon the size and shape of the mop head 22. The attachment structures 42 are preferably provided in the form described in copending US application no. 09/364,714, filed August 13, 1999, naming Kingry et al. as joint inventors, now US 6,305,046, the substance of which is hereby fully incorporated herein by reference. The floor mop 20 is preferably used in combination with the disposable cleaning sheet 44 which is releasably attached to the mop head 22 using the slotted attachment structures 42. In another embodiment of the invention, the mop 20 comprises a handle 32, a support head or mop head 22 attached to the handle by a universal joint 30, and a container 34 in fluid communication with a liquid delivery system which includes at least a spray nozzle 25 preferably attached to the mop head 22, one such arrangement being described in U.S. patent no. 5,888,006 to Ping et al., issued March 30, 1999, the substance of which is hereby fully incorporated herein by reference. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning page 12, line 19 and ending page 12, line 28, as follows:

-- Referring to Figs. 4 and 5 and in accordance with one aspect of the present invention, a pad 48 having a stepped design and which can be adhesively attached to the base

of a mop head 22 is illustrated. In Fig. 4, a stepped design pad comprising two elevational elements 148 and 248 is illustrated. In Fig. 5, a stepped design pad comprising three elevational elements 148, 248 and 348 is illustrated. Of course, the present invention is not limited to stepped design pads comprising two or three elevational elements. One ~~skill~~ skilled in the art will appreciate and understand that other stepped design pads may offer similar benefits such as for instance a stepped design comprising a single elevational element or a stepped design comprising more than three elevational elements. The bottom surface of the pad 48 engages at least a portion, and, more preferably, a substantial portion of the cleaning sheet 44 during use, as shown in Fig. 5.

Please replace the paragraph beginning page 28, line 7 and ending page 28, line 32, as follows:

-- Functional cuff(s) can be incorporated in traditional cleaning pads and sheets that are well-known in the art which comprise a variety of cellulosic and nonwoven material, such as sponges, foam, paper towels, polishing cloths, dusting cloths, cotton towels, and the like, both in a dry and pre-moistened form. In a preferred embodiment, functional cuffs are particularly effective when incorporated in the cleaning pads of the present invention, as well as those described in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/756,507 (Holt et al.), now US 5,960,508, copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/756,864 (Sherry et al.), now US 6,003,191 and copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/756,999 (Holt et al.), all filed November 26, 1996, now US 6,048,123; and copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/037,379 (Policicchio et al.), filed March 10, 1998, now US 6,101,661; all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

In another embodiment, a cleaning sheet comprises one or more functional cuffs and a substrate, preferably a nonwoven substrate comprising a hydroentangled material, including, but not limited to, the substrates described in copending applications by Fereshtehkhous et al., U.S. Serial No. 09/082,349, filed May 20, 1998 (~~Case 6664M~~, now US 6,645,604; Fereshtehkhous et al., U.S. Serial No. 09/082,396, filed May 20, 1998, now US 6,561,354 (~~Case 6798M~~); the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference; and U.S. Patent No. 5,525,397, issued June 11, 1996 to Shizuno et al. In this preferred embodiment, the substrate of the cleaning sheet has at least two regions, where the regions are distinguished by

basis weight. The substrate can have one or more high basis weight regions having a basis weight of from about 30 to about 120 g/m², preferably from about 40 to about 100 g/m², more preferably from about 50 to about 90 g/m², and still more preferably from about 60 to about 80 g/m², and one or more low basis weight regions, wherein the low basis weight region(s) have a basis weight that is not more than about 80%, preferably not more than about 60%, more preferably not more than about 40%, and still more preferably not more than about 20%, of the basis weight of the high basis weight region(s). The substrate of the cleaning sheet will preferably have an aggregate basis weight of from about 20 to about 110 g/m², more preferably from about 40 to about 100 g/m², and still more preferably from about 60 to about 90 g/m².--

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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute sheets 1-8 with amended sheets 1-8 attached herewith.

Attachment: Replacement sheets